Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An <u>anisotropic conductive</u> adhesive material, for connecting a protuberant electrode of an electronic component to a terminal electrode of a circuit board for carrying the electronic component, the <u>anisotropic conductive</u> adhesive material comprising at least one curable resin and silica particles, wherein:

the silica particles have a specific surface area $S(m^2/g)$ satisfying Equation (1) below;

$$11 < S \le 17$$
 (1);

the silica particles have a mean particle size D_1 (μ m) and maximum particle size D_2 (μ m) satisfying Equations (2) and (3) below, respectively,

$$D_1 \le 5 \tag{2};$$

$$D_2 \le 0.5 (h_1 + h_2)$$
 (3);

wherein h₁ represents the height of the protuberant electrode in the electronic component, and h₂ represents the height of the terminal electrode in the circuit board,

the content of the silica particles is 35 to 60 vol%, and

the mean particle size D₁ of the silica particles further satisfies the Equation (4) below.below,

$$0.1(h_1 + h_2) \ge D_1 \tag{4}$$

wherein the anisotropic conductive adhesive material further comprises

conductive particles having a mean particle size of 0.5 to 8.0 µm; and

wherein the anisotropic conductive adhesive material has a coefficient of

moisture absorption in a 85% RH, 85°C atmosphere is 1.5 wt % or less.

2-5. (Canceled)

- 6. (Previously Presented) The adhesive material according to Claim 1, wherein the electronic component is a semiconductor element.
 - 7. (Canceled)